

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 have been amended. Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 are pending and under consideration.

No new matter is being presented and approval of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 12 AND 14 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER SUSSKIND IN VIEW OF HIRATA (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,925,567) AND OFFICIAL NOTICE

The rejections of claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

On page 3 of the Action, the Examiner notes that Susskind fails to disclose the alteration information is unknown to a user, and sending a message via email to the mobile communication terminal, said message including a request for permission to alter the control information; and altering the control information in response to permission sent from the mobile communications terminal, as recited in independent claim 1, for example.

Thus, the Examiner newly cites Hirata as disclosing these features. Specifically, the Examiner cites column 11, lines 2-8, and step S28 of Figs. 7A and 7B as disclosing sending a message via email to the mobile communication terminal, said message including a request for permission to alter the control information.

Step S28 of Hirata is part of the operation that is performed at the terminal 1-1 in response to the setting of a programmed video recording, which is requested by sending an email from the terminal 1-4 in the office to the terminal 1-1 at home. At step S28, email is generated including an acceptance number and a message indicative of the acceptance of the programmed video recording request. As shown in Fig. 9 of Hirata, for example, this email includes the acceptance number "1" and the message "Temporary reservation made as above. Check the content and return for fixed reservation." The email is then transmitted to the user's office terminal 1-4 at step S29.

As described above, the email message of Hirata generated at step S28 includes only a notice of acceptance of the request and a message requesting confirmation.

Amended independent claim 1, on the other hand, recites sending a message via email to a mobile communication terminal of the user, said message including the alteration information unknown to the user and a request for permission to alter the control information.

That is, according to amended independent claim 1, a message including the alteration information unknown to the user and a request for permission to alter the control information is sent to the user. Based on the alteration information contained in the received email, the user can learn what alteration is to be made to the control information, and can decide whether to permit such alteration.

It is respectfully submitted that Susskind and Hirata fail to teach or suggest the features of independent claim 1, described above. Therefore, it is also submitted that independent claim 1, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the prior art.

The other pending independent claims, as amended, recited similar features to amended independent claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 patentably distinguish over the prior art for at least the reasons provided above. As a result, it is further submitted that the dependent claims also patentably distinguish over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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